Work Study Report of Indian Nursing Council

4737. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recommendations of the internal Work Study Unit on the Work Measurement Study of Indian Nursing Council, submitted in August, 2004 has not been implemented so far;

(b) if so, the reasons for not implementing it within the prescribed time; and

(c) the action, if any, taken against those responsible for the delay/non-implementation of the Study Report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The recommendations have not been implemented as they are not acceptable to the Indian Nursing Council.

National Rural Health Mission

4738. DR. KARAN SINGH:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finally announced the date of launching the National Rural Health Mission in the country;

(b) if so, whether this Mission seeks to provide healthcare to entire rural population in the country;

(c) if so, to what extent this Health Mission will be able to bring efficiency to provide funds for infrastructure;

(d) whether under this Mission funds for infrastructure development and healthcare personnel accountable to local community; and

(e) if so, the main object of this Mission and by what time work on this project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes Sir, the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) has been launched by the Prime Minister on 12.4.05.

(b) Yes Sir, the NRHM aims at providing comprehensive primary health care to rural population throughout the country.

(c) The NRHM is the articulation of the commitment of the Government to undertake systemic corrections to enable effective utilization of increased allocations for Health Sector as envisaged in the National Common Minimum Programme. Strengthening public health infrastructure is a key strategy under the Mission, inclusive of pooling infrastructure and financial resources under various programmes, optimizing manpower, upgrading health facilities to IPHS, and increasing technical and managerial capacity for the Mission at national state and district level.

(d) Yes Sir, the Mission seeks the Panchayati Raj Institutions to lead the District Health Mission, at district, block and village level. Constitution of a Hospital Management Society is envisaged for increased accountability to the community.

(e) The Mission aims to provide comprehensive integrated healthcare services to the rural poor, especially to the disadvantaged groups, including women and children, by improving access to quality healthcare facilities. The duration of the Mission is from 2005-12.

Surveillance cell on foeticide

4739. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are contemplating to set up a national surveillance cell to check foeticide; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The setting up of a "National Surveillance Cell" for effective implementation of